Maybrat has five vocalic phonemes, /i, e, a, o, u/. In word-final position [j] and [w] occur as allophones of /i/ and /u/ respectively. There are eleven consonantal phonemes: /p, t, k, m, n, f, s, x, r, w, y/. Sequences of consonants are invariably broken up by an epenthetic [ə]. Monomorphemic words mostly consist of one or two syllable. Stress usually falls on the first syllable of a word, unless this syllable contains [ə].

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